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Fact Sheet: 60 Stops in 60 Days Strengthening Social Security for Future Generations

Treasury Secretary John Snow today launched the “60 Stops in 60 Days” tour in which Administration officials – from President Bush and Vice President Cheney to Cabinet members and policy experts – will crisscross the nation to take the President’s message of strengthening Social Security to the American people. The blitz is part of the Administration’s continuing effort to talk about the need for a permanent fix to save Social Security for future generations.

The President has made it clear that Social Security will remain the same for those born before 1950, but that the system must be strengthened for younger workers.

“The 60-day barnstorming effort underscores our commitment to an open dialogue about the serious problems facing the system,” Secretary Snow said. “We look forward to continuing the education process with Americans of all ages in communities across the nation. Every place I travel, I meet people who understand that the current system won’t be there for their children and grandchildren. They understand that action needs to be taken now to strengthen Social Security.”

From March 3 – May 1, 2005, Administration officials will travel throughout the country as part of a coordinated 60-day tour of at least 60 stops to discuss the President’s vision to strengthen and save Social Security with the American people. Officials will meet with groups of our youngest workers and our oldest retirees.

In the next 7 days:

- President Bush travels to New Jersey and Indiana for conversations on Social Security with residents of Westfield, NJ and Notre Dame, IN. (3/4)
- Secretary Snow delivers remarks on Social Security at Walton Business School in Fayetteville, AR (3/3) and to the New Orleans’ Metro Chamber Alliance in New Orleans, LA. (3/4)
- Jim Lockhart, Deputy Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, travels to Michigan for five Social Security Town Hall meetings with Rep. Pete Hoekstra. (3/4-3/5)
- Keith Hennessey, Deputy Director of the National Economic Council, heads to Westminster, MD for a Social Security Town Hall with Rep. Roscoe Bartlett. (3/7)
- Secretary Snow delivers remarks to the American Banker Association and the American Insurance Association in Washington, DC. (3/8-3/9)
- On our still growing list of events, Administration officials already have trips planned to dozens of events in nearly 30 states.

“Real progress is being made. In the State of the Union, the President said that his objective was to engage Americans in a national debate, a broad national dialog to get people talking about this issue,” said Secretary Snow. “We’ve seen a clear shift in the course of the last month or so from the question: ‘Is there a problem?’ to the question: ‘How do we fix it?’ People are talking about it; families are talking about it; Congress is talking about it. For the next 60 days at countless stops from coast to coast – the whole Administration will be talking about it.”